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GERMAN REPORT ASSERTS SERBIANS ARE SCATTERED

Austrians Have Cleared West Bank of Styria—Thousands of Prisoners and Much Artillery Are Taken—Report From Others States That French and English Are Slowly Advancing In Southern Serbia—Fierce Fighting Has Been Resumed On West Front According To Advice

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Nov. 15.—The Austrians have cleared the west bank of the river Styria, according to official announcement today. This is regarded as one of the most important victories in Galicia recently. At the same time the war office announced capture of 8500 more Serbs in northern Serbia, along with 12 cannons. The Austrians there said the announcement, are tenaciously pushing their invasion.

Russian attacks near Smolensk were repulsed by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg while on the west front the Germans took 300 yards of allied trenches northeast of Arras.

The Russian offensive at one point in Galicia broke down. General Van Linsingen pierced the Russian lines near Podgore, taking 1500 prisoners.

The latest Petrograd official statement showed the Russians in a great struggle at the latter point. All Russian reports were to the effect that on the northern end of the line the Slavs were on the offensive and that the Germans would be unable to make further headway against British and Riga this winter.

More Serbians Captured.
Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, Nov. 15.—Capture of 8500 more Serbs in the Tuzla campaign against Serbia, and as extremely important Italian victory, were reported in today's official statement.

Allies Are Advancing.
Athens, Nov. 15.—Foot by foot, only, the allies are gaining in their struggle in southern Serbia.

Besides the principal battle along the line through Vele to Tetevo, not combats are raging at many places to the southwest. The French are driving heavily against Vele, the fall of which is hourly expected. So many Bulgars have been killed that the Bulgarian commanders have asked an armistice to bury the dead.

The French artillery has inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, at several points.

In capturing Tetevo, the Serbs took 500 prisoners and quantities of munitions. Later reports declared the Bulgars, however, again invaded the town. Along the western Morava, Bulgars and Serbs are fighting grimly. In the mountains, the Serbs are falling back gradually, but not without inflicting serious losses upon the Teuton pursuers.

Bulgarians Claim Victories.
London, Nov. 15.—"Operations on all fronts are developing in our favor," claimed the Bulgarian official statement received here early today. This announcement told of repulse of the French after they had crossed the River Thracian.

West of Nish, the statement claimed, the central allies are pressing the rear of the main Serbian army.

The Russian consul at Uskub was reported to be held as a prisoner.

Fighting On West Front.
Paris, Nov. 15.—Renewed violence in the struggle along the western front was reported in today's war office statement.

"Violent rifle and grenade battles raged last night in the vicinity of the labyrinth and through the Artois region," said the announcement.

Abe Martin



Miss Tawney Apple is confined to her home by a swollen dresser drawer. Another good thing about the auto—after it's worked about you don't hate it—drive it on Sunday.

GERMANS SPENDING MANY MILLIONS TO ADVANCE CAUSE HERE

Charges of Most Sweeping Nature Are Made By Providence Journal

Providence, R. I., Nov. 15.—Charges that between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000 has been spent in this country in the last four months for anti-allies propaganda work, under the direction of German Ambassador Von Bernstorff and Privy Councillor Albert, were published today by the Providence Journal. The Journal claimed to have records of \$10,000,000 actually received in that time. None of the money, the paper said, went for legitimate purposes. Much of it, it was claimed, was expended in bureaus maintained for the purpose of getting Teuton workers out of American munitions plants, with a view to crippling production.

Fay Expected to Tell.
New York, Nov. 15.—Angered over desertion of his wealthy friends in his hour of trouble, Robert Fay, confessed anti-alley bomb plotter, was expected today to reveal soon a complete list of "higher ups" in the alleged nationwide conspiracy to halt munitions exports to the allies.

He had already confessed many details of his work to Chief Flynn of the United States secret service and these facts were given to the United States District Attorney Marshall.

That he supplied plentifully with money was Fay's claim. Officials have evidence tending to support his story that he was a Prussian soldier before coming here to destroy ships bound for Germany's enemies.

Taken in with connection of the revelations of former Austrian Counselor General of San Francisco, Fay's story is expected, when divulged completely, to furnish evidence that may cause vast surprises as to the alleged activities of diplomatic and civilian personages in efforts to hamper United States munitions trade.

Further facts, it is believed, were given by Fay today in a conference with Prosecutor Knox and Chief of the Secret Service Flynn. It was expected that facts he divulged will be presented to the grand jury before night.

Refused to Tell.
New York, Nov. 15.—Robert Fay, leader of the alleged anti-alley bomb conspiracy, failed in his discussions with federal officials to divulge the names of "higher ups," the authorities said this afternoon. He offered, however, to plead guilty to a charge of conspiracy. He was not promised immunity.

ANTI-GERMAN UNION
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 15.—The board of trade has appointed a committee to establish a branch here of the British anti-German union, the object of which is to boycott all German products and stimulate their manufacture in Canada.

German State Baptist Convention Held Sunday

The German Baptist State convention of Oregon met in session in this city yesterday at the German Baptist church, Cottage and D streets, with an attendance of about 60. The Rev. J. Kratt of Portland was chairman of the convention.

The morning session, besides the regular business, included an address by the Rev. J. Kratt of Portland. The interests of the young people were taken up in the afternoon session, with addresses by the Rev. Frank Orthner, of Dallas, the Rev. William Graff, of Bethany, Ore., and the Rev. Lucas of Stafford, Ore.

The evening sermon was delivered by the Rev. Buerman, of St. Johns, Ore. with brief talks by several of the delegates.

The convention just closed was one of the most successful ever held, in the general interest taken and attendance. Next year, the convention will be held in the First Baptist church, Portland, at a date to be decided upon later.

In connection with the convention held here yesterday, the local German Baptist church celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Aumsville Corn Show Now Being Arranged

The Aumsville Corn show committee, with T. W. Johnson, secretary, met this morning with Luther J. Chapin to arrange for space in the building formerly occupied by the Rodgers Paper company, where the Marion county corn show will be held under the auspices of L. J. Chapin, December 1-4. This committee has already made arrangements for a corn show to be held in Aumsville next year. At the corn show to be held in this city the first four days of December, will be displayed the prize winners of the corn show held at Mount Angel, St. Paul, Aumsville, Silverton, Woodburn and Aurora. The Woodburn corn show will be held November 18-20, and Aurora, November 22-24.

The space for the various displays will be given according to the size of

SERBIA CRUSHED UNDER IRON HEEL OF MILITARISM

Minister To France Declares His People Are Being Blotted Out

SAYS NON-COMBATANTS BEING SLAUGHTERED

Relief Contributions Will Be Asked From People of America

By William Philip Simms.
(United Press staff correspondent.)

Paris, Nov. 15.—That Serbia is being crushed wretchedly under the iron heel of German militarism was the claim today, of Serbian Minister Vesnich, in an exclusive interview with the United Press.

"We have proof," he said, "that our enemies wish to stamp us out."

"Massacres of inoffensive country folk who were non-combatants, was actually committed by the Germans. Troops were ordered to kill prisoners and to finish the wounded. The orders were executed mercilessly."

"Helpless women and children and decrepit old men were slaughtered. The minister wiped his eyes, moist with tears."

"Still, despite their invaders, I believe the presence of neutral humanity would have a restraining influence. American aid is badly needed."

If hundreds of thousands of lives are not to be sacrificed, American must come at once to Serbia's aid, the minister declared.

"At least 500,000 homeless, hungry fugitives," he said, "are fleeing to Montenegro, Albania and Greece. They are too poor to care for these refugees. Soon it will be as cold as a New England mid-winter. Typhus is sure to break out along with other diseases caused by exposure, privation and exhaustion. Many of the refugees are from the districts recently swept by typhus."

"The American relief commission has generously promised help, but I wish the world to know our need."

"The babies' suffering is the hardest to bear. The prospect grows worse as Christmas approaches. Clothes, blankets, medicines, flour, meat and children's food, will save thousands if sent quickly."

Headquarters of the commission confirmed the minister's statement that aid has been promised. That body intends to appeal to Washington. Contributions will be accepted at New York headquarters.

Much Stolen Loot Found In Officer's House

Portland, Ore., Nov. 15.—The finding of 200 articles of jewelry valued at approximately \$2,000 in a safe in the house of H. T. Courtney, the special officer arrested Saturday charged with robbing stores on his beat, today convinced the authorities that he had operated on a wholesale scale.

The opening of a locker in the Central building, used by Courtney, also revealed three suit cases and five boxes, containing principally embroidered silk, which will bring the total of goods alleged to have been stolen by him to perhaps \$4,000.

Nearly 200 keys, scores of blank keys and imprints of keys on cards and a collection of delicate files, were found among the officer's effects.

Although much of the alleged loot is valuable, a large quantity is worthless. This has led the police to believe that Courtney is a kleptomaniac. No effort had been made to dispose of any of the goods taken.

The exhibit, thus giving those with the largest displays, ample space to exhibit them. Corn can now be left in the building as it is heated each day, especially for those who wish to dry their corn. The building in which the corn show will be held is on State street, just across from D. A. White & Sons.

THE WEATHER

SOME WIND

Oregon: Rain to night and Tuesday; warmer to night in northern portion and very strong southerly winds in interior; storm south to the southwest winds along the coast.

WILSON WILL ORDER MAN WHO CRITICISED HIM BE RE-INSTATED

Washington, Nov. 15.—Reinstatement of Assistant Postmaster Burkitt at Winnetka, Ill., removed because he criticized President Wilson's engagement, was ordered today without any ifs and hovevers about it.

The president, distressed at the dismissal, acted quickly while the postoffice department, it was understood, was prepared to support the dismissal on other grounds. He ordered that Burkitt be reinstated.

Investigation Ordered.
Washington, Nov. 15.—Unless there are other reasons than his alleged criticism of President Wilson's engagement, George Burkitt will be reinstated as assistant postmaster at Winnetka, Ill., under direct orders from President Wilson today.

The fact that Burkitt had been dismissed because he commented that the president should "wait a year before remarrying" came to the attention of the White House last night.

Today the president ordered Postmaster General Burleson to reinstate Burkitt if the criticism was the only reason for his removal. Burkitt's superior had called attention to alleged demerits against Burkitt, but had made a particular issue of Burkitt's statement. This statement, Burkitt admitted, he professed he meant no disrespect. His superior charged him with disloyalty.

In announcing the reinstatement instructions, the White House said it knew nothing of the charges. Burleson was asked if he ordered the discharge and he replied that he knew nothing of the case.

In announcing the president's course, Secretary Tumulty commented, "this is a free country."

It was suggested that Burkitt, as a matter of civil courtesy, was entitled to a hearing regarding the alleged "demerits" but owing to the publicity given the incident, it was not believed that these will be pressed.

The president is understood to feel that owing to the nature of the charges that he should have been consulted before Assistant Postmaster General Roper approved Burkitt's dismissal.

Assistant Postmaster General Roper commented that the case is being held in abeyance pending investigation. "Meantime," he said, "Burkitt stands suspended."

Burkitt Is Pleased.
Chicago, Nov. 15.—"I felt it in my bones. I'll be back on the job tomorrow," commented George Burkitt today when he heard that President Wilson had ordered his reinstatement as assistant postmaster at Winnetka, Ill.

"I am a holdover from the Taft administration," he continued, "and when Postmaster Kleopfer was appointed, he said he was going to get me. He has credited to me many statements regarding President Wilson's marriage which I never made. I mentioned it only once, several weeks ago. That was in general conversation with a friend at the postoffice window. I said, 'I think anyone should wait at least a year after his wife's death before re-marrying and I think President Wilson should wait longer.' Any other remark credited to me is untrue."

WOMEN MAROONED AT ALASKAN PORT

Separated From Husbands By Burning of Schooner In Alaskan Waters

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 15.—Marooned at the lonely little trading post of Bethel, on the Kuskokwim river, in Alaska, or musing over the frozen wastes on an 800 mile trip through winter storms to Seward, are two Seattle women, Mrs. E. P. Frohock and Mrs. J. Boyd. Mrs. Frohock has with her two children, one and three years old, respectively. They were on board the Seattle power schooner Bender Brothers which has become ice bound on the Kuskokwim, according to a message received here from Captain Louis Knaflich. The vessel will be held captive until spring.

The women became separated from their husbands through the burning of the schooner E. J. Abler, at Juneau. Frohock and Boyd were to have followed their wives on the Abler, and to have joined them at Bethel.

Steamer In Distress 500 Miles Off Coast

Portland, Ore., Nov. 15.—The steamer Mackinaw, bound from Brisbane to Vancouver, is in distress about 500 miles off the Oregon-Washington coast, according to reports in shipping circles today.

The Puget Sound tug Goliath put out to sea Friday, took on fuel and supplies and left on a mysterious mission. It was believed here she went in quest of the Mackinaw.

Steamer Out of Fuel.
San Francisco, Nov. 15.—The steamer Mackinaw, reported in distress off the mouth of the Columbia river, is out of fuel, according to a statement today by Flood Brothers, her owners. It was denied that the ship had experienced mechanical troubles. The tug Goliath was said to be carrying fuel and supplies to the Mackinaw.

PORTLAND WILL EAT TURKEYS.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 15.—Twenty-five thousand turkeys will be consumed in Portland Thanksgiving and several times that many will be shipped to other Pacific northwestern points from here, it was estimated today.

Price Movements Few In Wall Street Today

(Copyright 1915 by the New York Evening Post.)
New York, Nov. 15.—With the exception of another break of three or four points in several big war stocks, price movements in today's market were inconsequential. They were generally firm, though fluctuations were irregular.

News had no influence on exchange except the rather stupid rumor that the Adriatic had sunk in mid-ocean though she had already reached dock. This report caused momentary weakness but the day's general movement was not affected.

The closing was irregular and uncertain.

SECRETS BARED BY CHURCHILL IN TODAY'S SPEECH

Former Lord of Admiralty Talks Frankly To Legislators

JUSTIFIES EXPEDITION TO THE DARDANELLES

Claims Credit For Some Successes In "Gamble" of War

London, Nov. 15.—Baring the inner secrets of his erstwhile office of first lord of the admiralty, Winston Churchill informed the House of Commons today that the Dardanelles expedition was a "gamble." Yet, it was a gamble taken after mature reflection he indicated.

"I regarded the Dardanelles enterprise," he explained, "as a legitimate gamble of war for a prize of incalculable value, with a reasonable chance of winning. On that basis, I went before the ministry and accepted full responsibility for initiating."

The man, who has now resigned his cabinet post to fight the enemy from the western trenches, defended the Antwerp expedition, recently criticized as a "folly," to the extent of saying it forced the Germans later to battle on the Yser instead of farther south in France. He disclaimed, however, any part in sending the expedition which failed.

"We have no reason to be discouraged," he said amid applause.

"We are passing through hard times, though probably they will be worse before they are better."

"But they will be better," he added confidently.

Denying that the fleet was sent to the Dardanelles over Admiral Lord Fisher's objections, Churchill said that the sea lord assented to every movement.

"However, Fisher did not give clear guidance and the firm support I might have expected," said Churchill confirming stories of friction between them. "If he did not approve, he should have spoken out."

Churchill indicated the war may be long continued.

"Germany may be defeated more fatally in the second and third year than if the allies entered Berlin in first year," he said. "The 1915 campaign was governed by a shortage of munitions. The next campaign ought to be settled against Germany by her shortage of men."

Premier Asquith praised Churchill as a "wise counsellor, brilliant colleague and faithful friend."

Attack On Kitchener.
London, Nov. 15.—The sharpest attack on Lord Kitchener yet heard in parliament was made today by Sir Arthur Markham following Winston Churchill's address. He said that Kitchener was responsible for the Antwerp and Dardanelles "blunders" and was guilty of withholding information.

"I am convinced," he said, "that while Kitchener, who accepts no advice, remains in the war office, we will not win the war."

Pressure Upon Greece.
Athens, Nov. 15.—The newspaper Hestia said today that the British minister is about to present a demand that Greece guarantee not to oppose the allies in their Balkan campaign in any circumstances. The allies want assurance that they will not be attacked or interned in event reverses compel them to retreat through Greece.

Pressure on Greece admittedly is growing very strong on all sides. The allies want assurances that they can continue their landings unmolested, and the king is reported to have agreed that this may continue as at present. Meanwhile, however, representatives of the central allies are bringing pressure to bear to thwart the allied plans, in view of the menace that these landings hold for the Teutonic campaign in Serbia.

No Conscription Now.
London, Nov. 15.—No attempt to apply conscription without parliament's consent, Premier Asquith today told the lords, will be made by the government. He suggested that such a move might cause misunderstandings.

Italy and Submarines.
London, Nov. 15.—English experts may go to Italy to direct an anti-submarine campaign against the Austrians, it was reported today. The English are anxious for the safety of their transports bound to the near east as well as for security of Italian ships.

To Help Victims.
Rome, Nov. 15.—The pope today telegraphed Verona church authorities to do their utmost on behalf of victims of the Austrian air raid there.